GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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FREE OF COST CHANNELS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to telecast more Channels free-of-cost under the Direct to Home Service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of Channels being telecast free under the above service in the country;

(d) the number of the broadcasters who have applied to the Prasar Bharati for free telecast of their channels, State-wise; and

(e) the time by which these applications are likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b) : The Government has permitted Prasar Bharati to increase the number of DD-Direct+ to fifty in its bouquet. Prasar Bharati is in the process of making necessary arrangements in this regard.

(c) & (d) : The details are given in the Annexure.

(e) : No precise time-frame can be indicated, as this will be dependent on the procurement of requisite hardware.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) & (d) OF THE LOK SABIIA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4282 FOR ANSWER ON 21/4/2005

List of channels included in the bouguet of DD Direct Plus

	DD Channels	Private Channels	Radio Channels
1.	DD National	Aaj Tak	Vividh Bharati
2.	DD News	Headlines Today	AIR FM Rainbow
3.	DD Sports	BBC World	AIR FM Gold
4.	DD India	Jain TV	AIR Hindi
5.	DD Bharati	Star Utsav	AIR Bangla
6.	DD Kashir	Zee Music	AIR North East
7	DD Punjabi	Smile TV	AIR Oriya
8.	DD North East	ETV Marathi	AIR Gujarati
9.	DD Bangla	Sun TV	AIR Marathi
10.	DD Oriya	Kairali TV	AIR Telugu
11.	DD Gujarati	Aakash Bangla	AIR Tamil
12.	DD Sahyadri (Marathi)	ETC Punjabi	AIR Kannada
13.	DD Saptagiri (Telugll)	MH-1	
14.	DD Chandana (Kannada)	TV-9	

15. DD Podhigai (Tamil)
16. DD Malayalam
17. DD LS (Lok Sabha)
18. DD RS (Rajya Sabha)

Educational Channels

1. Gyan Darshan

List of channels that have applied for inclusion in DD Direct Plus

Sl.No.	Name of Channel	Language/Content	Location
1	Aastha	Hindi/Religious	Delhi
2	Channel News Asia	Asian News Channel	Singapore
3	CMM Music	Hindi/Music	Delhi
4	Day Star	English Religious	US
5	Deutsche Welle	German/English/Ext. Service	Germany
6	ETC Music	Hindi/Music	Punjab
7	India Vision	Malayalam/News	Kerala
8	Jagran (Zee)	Hindi/Religious	Delhi
9	Jaya TV	Tamil/Gen. Entertainment	TN
10	Jeevan	Malayalam/Gen. Entertainment	Kerala
11	Maharishi Veda Vision	Hindi/Religious	-
12	God TV	English/Hindi Religious	Chennai
13	Mana TV (4channels)	Telugu/Educational	AP
14	MTA	8 Langs/Religious/General	-
15	Nepal 1	Nepali/General	Nepal
16	Raj Musix	South/Tamil/Music	TN
17	Muslim TV Ahmedia	Religious - Kerala	Kerala
18	Sadhana	Hindi/Religious	Delhi
19	Sahara One	Hindi/Gen. Entertainment	Delhi
20	Sahara Samay Rashtriya	Hindi/News	Delhi
21	Sanskar	Hindi/Religious	Delhi
22	Splash	Children`s	Delhi
23	SS Music	English/Hindi/S.Indian/Music	Chennai
24	SS TV	(Canadian)/Gen. Entertainment	Canada
25	Sur Sangeet	Hindi/Music	Chennai
26	TBN India	Hindi/Religious	-
27	TV 5	French/External Service	France
28	Vyas	Hindi/English/Educational	Delhi
29	Win TV	Hindi/Gen. Entertainment	Delhi
30	Win TV Kannada	Kannada/Gen. Entertainment	Karnataka
31	Zee News	Hindi/News	Delhi
32	Worldroom Travel TV	English/Travel & Tourism	London
33	Speed Music	Hindi/Regional	Delhi
34	Balle Balle	Punjabi/Hindi	Delhi
35	Punjab Today	Punjabi News Channel	Delhi
36	Love World	English/Hindi/Regional/Religious	US
37	Jhankar	Hindi/English/Music	Delhi
38	Total TV	Hindi/Punjabi	Delhi